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Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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DISPATCH

In the Matter of

National Association of State Utility Consumer
Advocates' Petition for Declaratory Ruling
Regarding Truth-In-Billing

CG Docket No. 04-208

ORDER

Adopted: June 23, 2004

Released: June 24, 2004

Revised Reply Comment Date: August 13, 2004

By the Division Chief, Consumer Policy Division:

1. On May 25, 2004, the Commission released a Public Notice seeking comment on the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates' (NASUCA) petition for declaratory ruling regarding truth-in-billing and billing formats for both wireline and wireless telecommunications carriers.¹ The Public Notice stated that interested parties could file comments within 30 and 45 days respectively, after its publication in the Federal Register.² The Public Notice was published in the Federal Register on June 14, 2004, making comments due on or before July 14, 2004, and reply comments on or before July 29, 2004.³

2. On June 11, 2004, the NASUCA filed a motion to extend the deadline for filing reply comments in this proceeding.⁴ In its pleading NASUCA requests an extension of time to file reply comments stating that "[i]n light of the important legal, economic and policy issues raised in NASUCA's petition and the volume of comments that are likely to be filed in response to that petition, the 15-day period allowed for in the Public Notice is simply not adequate to permit NASUCA and others to provide the Commission with a full reply joining the issues."⁵ NASUCA goes on to suggest that "a brief, 15-day extension will greatly facilitate the development of a complete record for the Commission's review."⁶

¹ See Petition for Declaratory Ruling, CC Docket No. 98-170, filed March 30, 2004.

² National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA) Petition for Declaratory Ruling Regarding Truth-In-Billing and Billing Format, CG Docket No. 04-208, Public Notice, 69 Fed. Reg. 33021 (June 14, 2004).

³ *Id.*

⁴ NASUCA Motion for Extension of Time, CG Docket No. 04-208 (filed June 11, 2004).

⁵ *Id.* at 2.

⁶ *Id.* at 2.

3. It is the policy of the Commission that extensions of time are not routinely granted.⁷ In this instance, however, the Bureau finds that NASUCA has shown good cause for an extension of the deadline for filing reply comments in this proceeding. Because of the complexity of the issues involved and the high number of comments expected to be filed, we grant a limited extension so that parties may file reply comments in this docket on or before **August 13, 2004**.

4. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to the authority delegated under section 0.141 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 0.141, that NASUCA's Motion for Extension of Time in the above-captioned proceeding is GRANTED to the extent set forth herein.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION



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⁷ See 47 C.F.R. § 1.46 (a).